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REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 17-20 and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mesuda et al (US 5,563,921); rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mesuda et al in view of Ishida et al ("Ishida") and Ellis, II et al ("Ellis"); and rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mesuda et al in view of Fattouche et al ("Fattouche"). The Examiner indicated that claims 2-10, 12-16, and 22 depended upon rejected base claims and would be allowable if rewritten. Similarly, multiple dependent claims 12, 17-21, and 23-25 should be allowable if they depended from allowable claims.

By this amendment, Applicants have rewritten claims 2 and 3, which were indicated as being allowable, into independent form. Applicants have amended claims 12, 17, and 21 to depend from claims 2-11, instead of claims 1-11. Applicants have canceled independent claims 1 and 26. Claims 2-25 are in the case.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks allowance of claims 2-25 is urged, and such action and the issuance of this case are requested.

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